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Prior to discussing the particular issues raised by the Office Action, Applicants believe that a summary review of Applicants' invention would be useful. As discussed in the Specification (such as at pages 3-6), in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, there is provided an automated security and reorder system for items maintained within a boundary. Each item has an associated transponder, and each transponder is configured to transmit item identification data for indicating a secured status and a consumable status of the associated item. The system is provided with a



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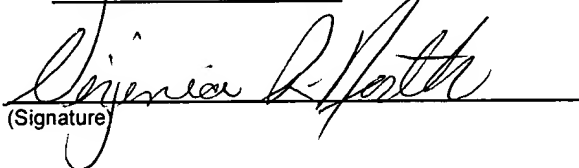
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